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New owner renames, remodels bar



Deondre Ross and DJ Split perform to a crowd of students at the Outback, now known as Powerhouse, during the St. Patrick's Day party March 16. The new owner got the name from the building's history as the Maryville Power and Light Co. building. The bar is set to open Aug. 22.

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- AARON JONES

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A “now hiring” sign plastered to the side of the former Outback Bar’s weathered white facade keys into some of the changes taking place at one of Maryville’s most frequented college bars. Inside, Maryville resident Aaron Jones, 43, works by the bar, paperwork scattered before him. As of June 19, he is the new owner of the bar. Renaming the bar Powerhouse is one of several changes Jones has already implemented. This is Jones’ first time owning and running a bar, but he said he is excited and confident that the turnout will be largely the same as before, even with the changes. “I’m not going to change a bunch of things – changing the name, upgrading the building, painting it, putting new windows in, and then keeping the rest of it the same,” Jones said. “New name, same party.” Additionally, Jones opened up the dance floor and bar seating area, purchased new chairs and tables, re-

moved the dancing cage, added credit card readers at the door and updated the bar and restrooms. Jones plans to add fenced-in outdoor patios off the back and side of the bar and an interactive jukebox. Changes will also be seen among the Powerhouse staff, as Jones is working towards increasing the number of female employees. “For me, there’s such a predominant female clientele here, I wanted them to be comfortable approaching anybody on the staff,” Jones said. “If they needed a big guy to come help them, that’s good, but if they felt like they could talk to a female a bit easier, I thought that would be a good thing to have too.” Northwest sophomore Hannah Harvey, who frequented the bar once a week during the school year, appreciates the changes Jones is trying to implement among his staff. “I would honestly feel more comfortable speaking to a female employee than a male employee,” Harvey said. “I also feel as if other female bar-goers would respond to there being more female employees in a good way too be-

cause it makes it an easier environment for females.” Jones is also looking to hire back former Outback employees. “They’ve got the experience, and I didn’t want to take anyone’s job away from them. I wanted them to all still have their jobs when school started back up,” Jones said. Jones plans to hire other employees that were not formerly employed at Outback in order to open more nights of the week. “I actively tried to get all of them back that I could, but I’m also hiring on additional staff too because I plan on being open Thursday, Friday and Saturday,” Jones said. Sheneque Goldner, also known as DJ Snackpack, was the former Outback DJ for two years and has been rehired to DJ at Powerhouse. As a rehired male employee at Powerhouse, he still supports the employment of more women. “I think it’s great. It will show more diversity and make the bar look more welcoming,” Goldner said. Powerhouse is scheduled to open Thursday, Aug. 22.

Aramark receives record violations

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Northwest Campus Dining and Aramark corrected several priority violations in its last food establishment inspection, in which the Nodaway County Health Center observed nine counts of infringement requiring immediate action. Aramark received its annual health inspection April 16, a couple weeks prior to Northwest students finishing their spring semester finals. The campus food establishment operated under at least nine violations that the NCHC noted as priority violations, or those that must receive immediate correction within 72 hours of an inspection. Aramark received core evaluations based on the inspection relating to time and temperature control for food safety, proper holding of hot and cold foods, cleaning of equipment and utensils and cleaning surfaces that come in contact with food. All but three priority violations were corrected on site, while the others were corrected by the next follow-up inspection. NCHC health inspector Larry Wickersham conducts Aramark’s routine inspections, where he said the management and staff seem committed to a safe and healthy kitchen environment. “The heads of Aramark on the campus of Northwest work great with us,” Wickersham said. “They have performed very well in the past and are always good about fixing things not up to expectations.” Averaging three priority violations per inspection, each immediately corrected on site, Aramark actually outperforms other food establishments in the area, according to the NCHC. “April’s inspection – having nine violations – is the worst I’ve seen so far at Aramark,” Wickersham said. “The only one that comes close is a fall 2018 inspection where they had eight.” However, in the past academic year, Aramark had 18 priority violations spelled out in inspection reports dating back to September. Each violation required reduction and prevention due to being hazards associated with foodborne illness or injury. On the April 16 inspection, the NCHC located sliced cucumbers in the walk-in cooler without expiration dates and hazardous vegetables held past disposal dates. In addition, the Mediterranean grill held hot sliced sausage below the sanitary temperature of 135 degrees Fahrenheit. The health center noted three more counts of food under proper temperature and three counts of damaged utensils and kitchenware. Aramark promptly corrected all violations by an April 30 follow up, where the NCHC noted exceptional levels of operation. Assistant Food Service Director for Aramark Tyler Detherage said staff is committed to food quality and finding new ways to provide excellent service to their customers, primarily students on or off campus. “We did bring in a new program, a digital platform that notifies you if your temperatures are flaring out a bit or to restock the food,” Detherage said. “It’s all just making sure you have the right people in the right place, making sure they are on top of things.”

UPD chief named vice president of culture

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Northwest’s Board of Regents approved naming University Police Chief Clarence Green the vice president of culture for the University. Green assumed the role as VP of culture May 3. He will focus on University strategy, namely in the areas of retention and human resources. His duties also include helping study institutional data and striving to maintain Northwest’s culture by evaluating and assessing the needs of students, staff and employees. He will work as an Institutional Research and Effectiveness liaison for Northwest’s leadership team, reporting directly to President John Jasinski while remaining chief of police. Green said he is looking forward to the changes and filling new roles for the leadership team. “I’m eager to take time to understand and assess where we are as an institution,” Green said. “From students and their connections to our campus and community, as well as employees and how we can better retain those who are underrepresented.” The new position comes amid an institutional leadership change, as well as a plan to refocus academics as the forefront of Northwest’s Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. An unexpected change came when Vice President of Strategy and Operations Nola Bond and her family decided to relocate, leaving her position June 30. Green will assume some of her duties, including strategy and human resources. Green’s former position as vice president of DEI is subsequently eliminated as a University position.



RACHEL ADAMSON | NW MISSOURIAN
Clarence Green, University Police chief and newly-appointed vice president of culture, addressed the Northwest graduating class of 2019 at Bearcat Arena.

Jasinski said Bond will be missed. “We are thankful for Nola’s service and contributions, which will have long-lasting impacts within human resources as well as strategy and operations,” Jasinski said. In February, Green evaluated the DEI for areas of strength and areas in need of improvement and made suggestions based on 36 peer institutions all similar in size and structure to Northwest, utilizing what Green called a mixed-methods research model. The University conducted surveys and other satisfaction data to interpret responses from 115 individuals on Northwest campus, as well as others from the community, various alumni and faculty and staff. Green made recommendations to Jasinski based on responses and findings during his evaluation. He

advised a larger focus on academics first and removing barriers underrepresented students face while adjusting in the classroom. Jasinski reviewed the recommendations and aligned with Green on how to go about the change for the 2019-20 academic year. “I wish to be very clear: our commitment to issues of DEI is unwavering,” Jasinski said May 17 in All That Jazz. “We are seeking to enhance our focus on academic performance through our actions.” Jasinski said retention is a large focus following Green’s evaluation. “Northwest’s retention and graduation rates of underrepresented students are significantly less than majority students,” Jasinski said. “Our new alignment and reallocation for an associate provost of DEI will focus

on academic support for underrepresented students with metrics centered on retention and graduation.” In correspondence to an academic focus in DEI, the University allocated for an associate provost of DEI who will focus on academic support for underrepresented students. This position is not yet filled. Green noted that while DEI provides plenty of opportunity for students to feel included from an organizational standpoint, some still feel unrecognized in their efforts to succeed academically. “We have a lot of activities and organizations, so we need more of a focus on how to maintain those students who still feel disconnected when it comes to the classroom,” Green said. Director of Diversity and Inclusion Justin Mallett said the realignment to a greater focus on education should provide the office consistency. “We’re going to collaborate with the Student Success Center, looking at retention of underrepresented students and emphasizing metrics we have in place to see if our current methods are effective,” Mallett said. Mallett noted Green’s commitment to every student’s success and his giddy, likable personality. “Clarence (Green) does a lot for our students, and even before he helped with DEI, he was always involved in helping out our student population,” Mallett said. Board of Regents chair Patrick Harr said he is confident in Green’s ability to fill a large role in Northwest’s leadership team. “He builds great relationships with students and staff and really knows what students need when they need it,” Harr said.

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New faculty join the Northwest family

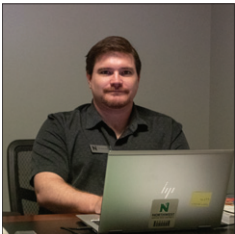
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MIRANDA POLLOCK

Assistant professor
Art

Miranda Pollock is joining the art department as a graphic design professor. She previously taught at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. “The collaboration that’s possible with digital media, marketing, advertising, and even computer science groups is really exciting to me.” She is currently working on her PhD in psychology.



JASON MCCAIN

Assistant professor
Psychology

McCain is from Texas and received his education from Texas A&M University-Commerce. McCain said his research interests and experiences in cognitive and educational psychology brought him to Northwest. “Northwest’s focus on student experiences and commitment to academic success fit in well with my own beliefs,” McCain said.



KELSEY BRUNO

Assistant professor
Agricultural sciences

Bruno is from New Jersey. She received a master’s degree in animal science from the University of Kentucky and a doctorate degree from Oklahoma State. She was previously an instructor in livestock behavior at Oklahoma State. Bruno said she enjoyed the campus and being able to work closely with animals. “I like it a lot,” Bruno said. “I love the open space and being surrounded by cattle.”



GISELLE GREENIDGE

Assistant professor
Sociology

Greenidge is from the Caribbean island of Grenada. She previously taught sociology at the University of North Texas. She said Northwest has a different feel than most larger universities. “I think it’s different because there’s a close-knit family,” Greenidge said. “Here, you have smaller class sizes so you’re able to make those connections with students and build a relationship.”



HUA BAI

Assistant professor
Agricultural sciences

Bai is from China. She received her master’s and doctorate degrees from the University of Arkansas and completed three years post-doctorate at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Bai said she was excited to get to teach and interact with her new students. “The goal for my first year is I want to be successful in my teaching, and I want my students to be successful,” Bai said.



KAREN BRITT

Assistant professor
Art

Britt comes to Northwest after leaving Asheville, North Carolina where she taught for the School of Art and Design at Western Carolina University. Britt was attracted to Northwest for the much smaller class sizes. Britt was particularly attracted to Northwest for the opportunity to introduce non-western art classes to the curriculum in the future. As both an art historian and archaeologist, she specializes in both Islamic and other non-western arts. “That gives me an opportunity to mentor students closely, which is hard to do when you’re teaching large class sizes,” Britt said. “Students have been really warm and friendly so far.”



BRENDA ROURKE

Assistant professor
Communication

Rourke received her master’s degree from the University of Connecticut and is working towards her doctorate degree. She was previously a teaching assistant and researcher at the University of Connecticut.

AMY UNDERWOOD BARTON

Assistant professor
Psychology

Barton received her bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of West Florida and her Master of Arts and doctorate in philosophy from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She was previously a research specialist for the Thompson Center for Autism.

ROBERT BERGLAND

Assistant professor
Mass media

Bergland is from Mendota, Iowa. He received masters and doctorate degrees from Purdue University. Bergland spent the last 22 years as a professor of journalism and integrated media at Missouri Western State University, where he was also the student newspaper adviser. He also works as a freelance journalist for various magazines. “This is a great department and has great facilities,” Bergland said. “I love teaching sports reporting and news reporting and this position will allow me to combine both.”

JASON SATCHELL

Assistant professor
Finance

Satchell is from Carrington, North Dakota. He received his Master of Business Administration degree from Mississippi State University, his Master of Finance and Doctorate of Business Administration degrees from Creighton University. Satchell was previously an adjunct professor at Rockhurst University and worked more than 10 years at Ivy Investments.

SARA TAYLOR

Assistant professor
Education

Taylor is from San Diego, California. She received a master’s degree in special education from Point Loma Nazarene University and a doctorate degree in special education from the University of California, Riverside. For the last 10 years, she worked as a high school special education teacher. Taylor recently moved to Maryville with her husband and their two sons. She said she is proud to be a part of the Bearcat family. “We’re teaching the three-year-old to say ‘We are Bearcats,’” Taylor said.

JOHN GREATHOUSE

Assistant professor
Agricultural sciences

Greathouse received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in animal science from Kansas State University and his doctorate in animal science from Colorado State University. He was previously an associate professor, the university farm superintendent and the chair of the department of agriculture at Fort Hays State University.

ADRIENNE ISAKOVIC

Assistant professor
Management

Isakovic is originally from Georgia, but spent two decades living in the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. Isakovic said coming back to America was difficult after living so many years abroad, but she finds comfort now living in Maryville. “I have not felt adjusted or comfortable back in the U.S. until I came to Maryville,” Isakovic said. “Maryville is the first place that has felt comfortable, felt like home and felt like I could settle and get connected to a community.”

ADAM BOCHART

Assistant professor
Mass media

Bochart is a Northwest alumnus and spent three seasons producing video with Sporting Kansas City and two seasons with the Iowa Cubs. Bochart said he is excited to teach at his alma mater. “I had the chance to leave for six to seven years, and I still find something bringing me back, and it’s Northwest doing it,” Bochart said.

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Mel Tjeerdsma, former Northwest football coach, was appointed to the Northwest Board of Regents Aug. 16.

Former coach joins Board

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Missouri Governor Mike Parson announced Mel Tjeerdsma’s appointment to the Northwest Board of Regents Aug. 16. Tjeerdsma will begin serving immediately, as he is an interim appointment with a term scheduled through Jan. 1, 2025. Tjeerdsma was head coach of the Northwest football team from 1994 to 2010, where he led the Bearcats to a combined 183-43 record, 16-straight winning seasons, three NCAA Division II National Championships, and 12 MIAA titles. Tjeerdsma went on to serve as Northwest’s director of athletics from the spring semester of 2013 to April 2019. During that time, he

played a key role in assisting campus faculty upgrades, specifically in the athletic department. In December 2018, Tjeerdsma was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. “For whatever reason, I don’t know why, but from the time I was a little kid, all I ever wanted to do was something with athletics, and I really wanted to be a coach,” Tjeerdsma said in an interview with the National Football foundation. “So I didn’t fall into it, it was something I dreamt of my whole life.” As a Board of Regents member, Tjeerdsma will help the University with resource management and make general, educational and financial policies for Northwest. Tjeerdsma filled the seat of Pat-

rick Harr, whose term expired Jan. 1 2019. Harr continued to serve through the board’s Aug. 9 meeting. Jason Klindt, member of the Board of Regents since 2018, said Tjeerdsma will add great insight to the board. “What Mel brings to the board is deep ties to both the Maryville and Northwest communities,” Klindt said. “That is invaluable for our board. I give Governor Parson and Senator Hegeman credit for understanding the unique perspective that he brings.” The next Northwest Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. Sept. 5 in the J.W. Student Union Boardroom, where Tjeerdsma will sit alongside eight other members for the first time.

HERE’S WHAT YOU MISSED

Maryville Public Safety clears suspicious package

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Authorities responded to a suspicious package in the U.S. Bank parking lot in Maryville May 31. Maryville Public Safety and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives coordinated at the scene and closed off a two block radius for community safety. Maryville Public Safety Sergeant Jeremy Ferris explained the process of securing the area. “We got a call to U.S. Bank in reference to a suspicious item at the bank,” Ferris said. “We evacuated ev-

eryone for two blocks radius. We also contacted the ATF and communicated with them.” Bomb-defusing equipment was flown in from Jefferson City for use. Since the equipment wasn’t readily available, all authorities could do was wait. After the three-hour delay, authorities inspected the package with bomb defusing equipment and came to find it was an ordinary pressure cooker that fell out of a U.S. Bank customer’s truck. MPS said the situation provided officers and coordinators experience for the future.

Community mourns death of KXCV General Manager

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Rodney D. Harris, 63, died due to complications of gallbladder surgery at Kansas Medical Center June 22. He was the general manager of KXCV-KRNW, a National Public Radio affiliate housed on the upper floor of Northwest’s Wells Hall. Rodney Harris served as the station’s general manager for 11 years, but his ties to Northwest and the radio industry can be measured in decades. He graduated from Northwest in 1978 with a degree in broadcasting. His impact, though, according to his friends and family, can’t truly be measured at all. John Coffey, KXCV-KRNW News

and Sports Director worked side-by-side with Harris for the last 11 years. “I don’t think there’s a bigger backer of the community of Albany than Rodney. He just loved the town,” John Coffey said. Rodney Harris’ education and career took him all across northwest Missouri, but Albany was always home. He trekked from Albany to Maryville for his four years at Northwest starting in the fall of ‘74. From Maryville to Bethany, where he worked as a station manager at KAAH in the early 1980s. From Bethany to Cameron, where he was station manager for KMRN and KKWK. From Cameron back to Maryville, when he got the chance to come back to KXCV-KRNW.

Former Northwest football star charged with misconduct

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A Maryville, Missouri, man was arrested by Maryville Public Safety Aug. 8, three days after the agency requested public assistance identifying and locating the man via Maryville Public Safety’s Facebook page. Bryce Enyard, 27, was charged with two counts of sexual misconduct

in the first degree after allegedly exposing his genitals in public twice — once July 17 and the second Aug. 1. Enyard, a native of Huntsville, Missouri, started as a defensive back for Northwest football, winning MIAA Freshman of the Year in 2011. Enyard did not play football in 2012, but returned in 2013, playing the next three years and winning two national championships.

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OUR VIEW:

‘Cats need to prepare

The bell of ‘48 rang Tuesday Aug. 20 signaling the end of Advantage Week, and the active shooter training it provided for freshmen.

This is not normal.

School shootings and mass shootings continue to fill everyday news. Whether it’s the most recent incident or ideas on how to prevent them, the news is brimming with the topic.

Aug. 18 another mass shooting happened. This time it was in Kansas City, Missouri, involving four victims.

With the shootings striking close to home, students at Northwest need to take action to prepare for the possibility of an incident occurring on campus or elsewhere in town.

In order to prepare, students

should utilize the resources provided on campus by the University Police Department.

UPD provides a course on self-defense teaching students how to prepare for and handle themselves in defensive situations. This includes hands-on training and discussion about awareness, risk-reduction, prevention and risk avoidance.

If a student is interested in taking the course, they should find some friends who are also interested, find a space to use, whether its a lounge in their residential hall or a room at the union, and contact UPD to set up a date.

Students should strongly consider taking this course to help prepare

themselves for how to handle potential threats or incidents in the future.

Alongside taking the UPD self-defense course, students should take time to go over UPD’s information for how to deal with a hostile intruder.

The information explains the three steps students should take in the instance of a hostile shooter.

First, students should run.

UPD states students should attempt to leave the location they’re at if they can, leave their belongings behind, help others if they’re able to and attempt to prevent other people from going to the location of the hostile intruder.

If students are unable to run, they should attempt to hide.

Hiding involves locking the door to the room they’re in, turning off any device creating noise and staying silent. Students should also be out of the shooter’s view, find an object for protection in case shots are fired and ensure they do not restrict their movement.

If all else fails, students should fight if they are in imminent danger.

In a fight with a hostile intruder, a student’s focus should be on disabling the intruder and improvising weapons. It’s also crucial that students commit to their actions, as hesitation can sacrifice precious seconds.

More information outlining how to handle a hostile intruder can be found on the Northwest website under the

University Police page.

Utilizing campus resources isn’t the only way students can prepare. They can also take steps to purchase and keep self-defense tools on them at all times.

Self-defense tools that would be useful in the case of having to fight a hostile intruder are keychain pepper sprays and defense keychain parcels. However, these should only be used as a last resort.

Hopefully, Northwest and its students never have to face a hostile intruder or active shooter. However, every student should take steps to ensure they’re prepared.

Stay safe, Bearcats.

Higher education needs to be earned, not handed out

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College is expensive. I think we can agree the amount of debt we are putting on our plates is ridiculous.

However, college should not be free. College is a privilege and not a right.

Our generation seems to believe we have a right to an education, and we do to an extent. But we are not required to move to a new city and take on thousands of dollars in debt to learn Women and Gender Studies.

The argument for free college is tempting. The idea of getting an education for a whopping zero dollars is an amazing dream; however, it’s just that: a dream of grandeur.

College can’t be free because someone has to pay for it.

If it’s free like how Sen. Bernie Sanders wants, then it’s adding onto our taxes, which will end up costing Americans more money. In Sanders’ proposed bill, the government would be shelling out \$47 billion per year.

We are already in debt as a country. We shouldn’t spend so much money on something that isn’t required.

Again, we have so many options to

forge our own paths that don’t require higher education, or at least not college.

Free college does not push students to apply themselves. Think back to high school.

Think about those kids who were just there because they had to be. Think about those kids who barely put forth the effort to learn.

If there isn’t a stake invested into higher education, then there is no incentive for students to do their best. When we are competing for scholarships and working a job to pay for school, then we are earning our place at school.

Also, we have more options to get qualified in our desired fields.

Trade schools provide hands-on training and are more cost efficient, and those trades make a ton of money.

Forget journalism. I should drop out and learn to be a plumber. I will gladly have a plumber’s crack for the rest of my life while I make \$46,660 a year.

I know we’ve been told all our lives to go to college. Some of us are the first members of our family to attend college.

We should be proud, but we also need to be realistic. If I can’t afford a year of college, then it’s up to me to find a way to finance it.

It’s time we pull ourselves up from our bootstraps and either get serious about finding ways to pay for college or finding an alternative to college.

Left needs different gun debate angle

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The hearts of the nation collectively sink and the Twitter fingers fire up after the breaking news of another mass shooting hits. Social media becomes a maelstrom of thoughts and prayers, and hate and malice for a few days. Then it slows down until the next tragedy occurs.

Mass shootings are heartbreaking, but frequent occurrences in this country that have become central to the gun control debate, especially for Democrats. Yet, after the 260 plus mass shootings that have occurred this year, Democrats are no closer to the legislation they want.

This can be chalked up to petty politics or the National Rifle Association, and while those may be factors, the simple fact is that the left is approaching the gun control debate wrong.

The entire debate has been pigeonholed around mass shootings.

Elizabeth Warren, hopeful for the democratic nomination, posted her expanded gun plan after the mass shooting in El Paso, Texas. Warren opens with a list of shootings from

Columbine to El Paso, Texas. While Warren later uses statistics related to gun deaths as a whole in the country, it’s clear where her focus lies on this issue.

By putting mass shootings in the forefront instead of acknowledging the whole issue, the debate breaks down to people screaming about whether good people with guns will stop future shootings.

In 2017 there were 39,773 deaths from firearms.

Suicides accounted for 60% of all gun deaths in 2017. Suicide is a massive issue in America, and it is clearly not going to be argued that increasing the amount of firearms will assist this public health crisis.

Missouri in particular is in a crisis with the suicide rate being higher than the national average and the rest of the world.

For the nation as a whole, women are 21 times more likely to be killed by a gun in the U.S. than in other high income countries.

Mass shootings are often characterized as a problem the rest of the world doesn’t have, yet suicide and homicides are not mentioned in those hot button quotes.

Shortly after the mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton, Ohio, in August, Trump gave his opinion on the reason

for these shootings.

“Mental illness and hatred pull the trigger, not the gun,” Trump said.

Trump is illuminating the stance of many on the right with this statement: mental illness causes mass shootings, not guns. The left have been mostly staunch in their insistence that guns are the problem.

Both sides can be right at the same time; mental illness, hatred and access to firearms can both be causes for mass shootings and other violent crimes involving firearms.

As shown by the number of suicides in America a year, mental health is an important issue in this country, for some unknown reason Democrats can’t argue that both gun regulations should be increased and mental illness should be researched in connection with gun violence.

Democrats are stuck in the mud.

By pigeonholing the issue, the left has been narrowing the scope of the debate and making it harder for themselves. The strategy to win over the American public and those in Congress to support their gun control plans has clearly not worked yet.

If they don’t change their strategy, expect more of the same in the future.



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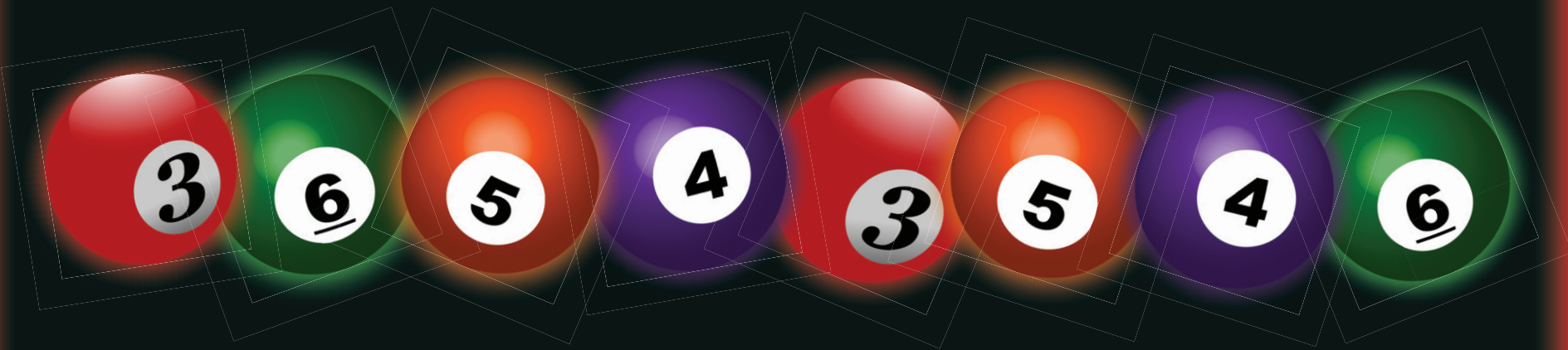
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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, if you want to be a pioneer, you have to trust yourself and take some risks. Find ways to expand your social circle and attend as many events as you can.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Do not worry about pleasing everyone, Taurus. Doing so is impossible and will zap you of the energy you need to devote to those who truly matter to you. Value their opinions.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
You are in an amorous mood this week, Gemini. Focus your energy on romantic plans. Develop an idea for a dinner as a couple, or a friends’ night out with others.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, if you want to improve your bottom line, you may need to seek the advice of a professional. Make an appointment to see how to better manage your funds.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, keep close friends close, but see if there are any opportunities to widen your network. Networking is an important skill to master. It could serve you well.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, it is okay to make mistakes if it is a matter of personal growth. Sometimes the most valuable lessons are learned by making a mistake and correcting it.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Family ties have you pulled in one direction when you may have your eyes focused in another, Libra. With some careful shuffling, you can likely find a balance.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Awkward situations give you the opportunity to think on your feet and find amenable solutions to problems, Scorpio. Don’t underestimate the advantages of this skill.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
A few changes may be heading your way, Sagittarius. These are nothing you cannot handle with grace. Look for opportunities for growth with anything that comes your way.

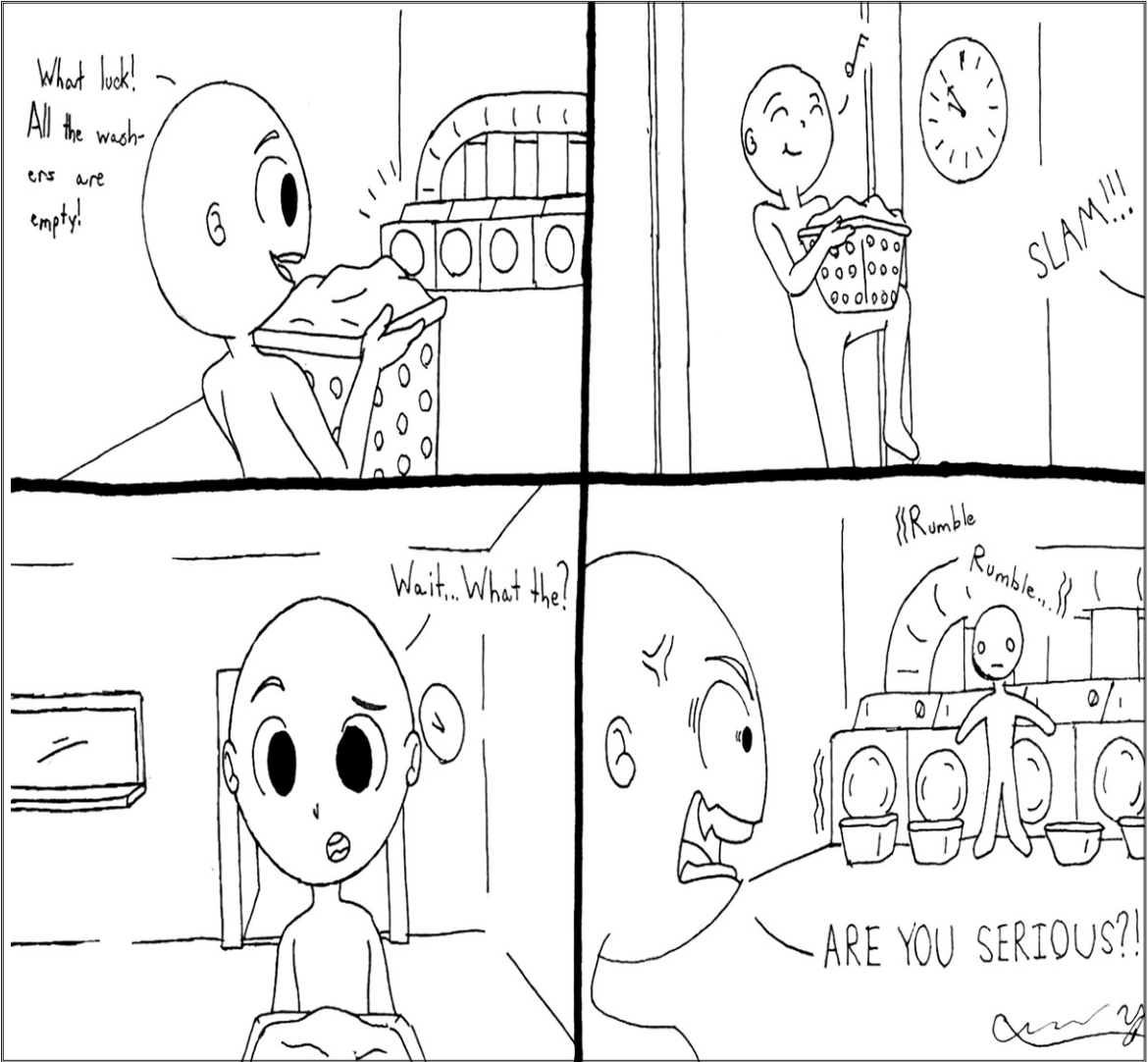
CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, sometimes the best ideas come when you aren’t focused on finding solutions to problems. Keep an open mind and all types of different ideas can arrive.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Certain things are inevitable, Aquarius. But you can adapt to many different situations and make them work for you. Do not be scared off by larger projects on the horizon.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, channel your creative energy into something lucrative this week. This may be just what you need to turn a passion into a career.



The laundry room



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CROSSWORD

By MetroCreative

- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. One-time money in Spain
 - 8. “Got _ _ _ of one”
 - 13. Set a framework for
 - 14. Cover with drops of water
 - 15. One who does something for a living
 - 19. Germanium
 - 20. An enclosure for confining livestock
 - 21. Locks a door
 - 22. Buddy
 - 23. Supplement with difficulty
 - 24. Not moving
 - 25. Islamic unit of weight
 - 26. Warmers
 - 30. Hindu queen
 - 31. Border river near Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - 32. Analyzed
 - 33. Caps
 - 34. Pastime
 - 35. Contrary belief
 - 38. Walking devices
 - 39. Accustom to something unpleasant
 - 40. Singing methods
 - 44. Shouts of farewell
 - 45. Hand (Spanish)
 - 46. Small constellation
 - 47. Cardinals are this
 - 48. Gives a hoot
 - 49. Chatter incessantly
 - 50. Thallium
 - 51. Making very hot
 - 55. Hours (Spanish)
 - 57. Remove completely
 - 58. Eyeglasses
 - 59. Rubbed clean

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Blues Traveler frontman
 - 2. Found it!
 - 3. Killed
 - 4. A helper to Santa
 - 5. Male fashion accessory

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6. Autonomic nervous system

7. US Attorney General

8. Greek sophist

9. The world of the dead (Norse myth.)

10. Excessive and dangerous dose

11. One who receives a legacy

12. Brooded

16. Hindu warrior king

17. Used to anoint

18. One point east (clockwise) of due north

22. Connecting part of the brain stem

25. Most uncommon

27. Do-nothings

28. Emerge

29. Neat

30. Herb of tropical Asia

32. Reviews poorly

34. Waterproof overshoes

35. Fireplace floors

36. Surround

37. Regretted

38. One who whips

40. Ticket price

41. Calming

42. Citrus fruit

43. Drooped

45. An explorer’s necessity

48. Speak profanely

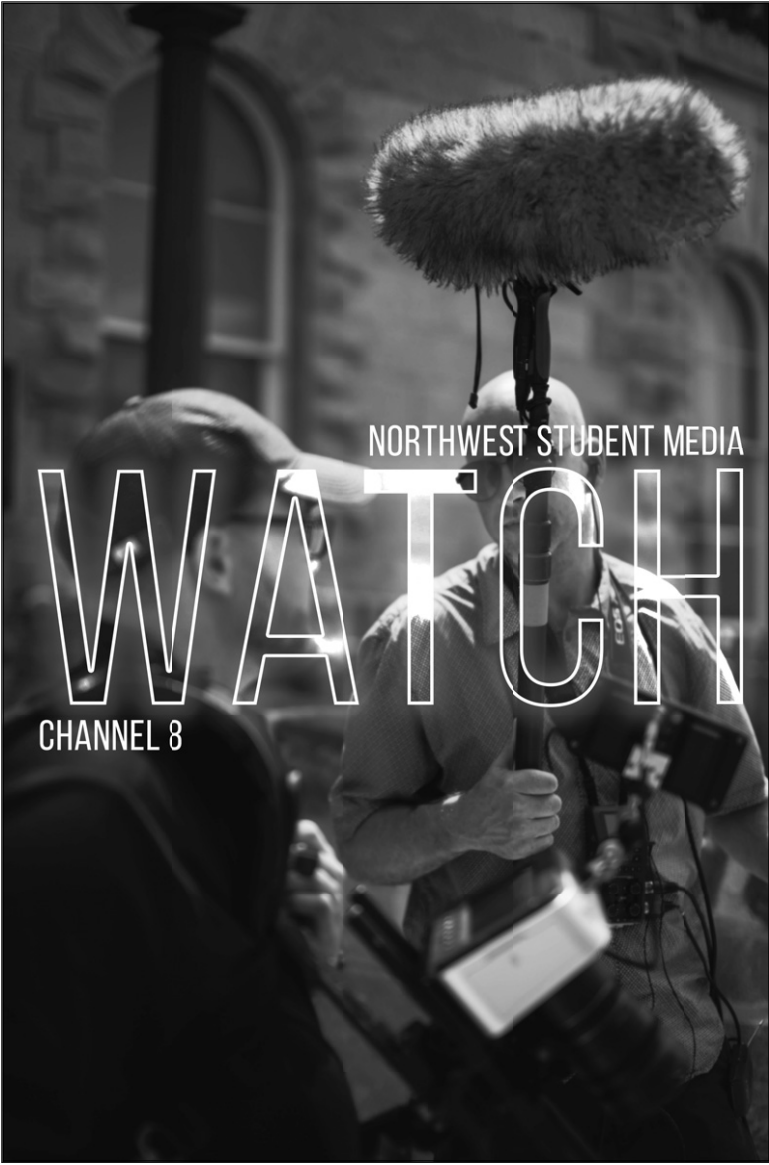
51. Pouch

52. A type of date (abbr.)

53. Away from

54. Large beer

56. Once more





The Univeristy Police Department provides gun lockers for students to utilize and for keeping track of registered guns on campus for overall safety.

Schools adjust to rise of shootings

- Orlando, Florida 49
- Las Vegas, Nevada 58
- Sutherland Springs, Texas 26
- Parkland, Florida 17
- El Paso, Texas 22
- Dayton, Ohio 9

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These places are littered with candles, flowers and memorials for the victims of some of the largest mass shootings since 2016. It’s important to identify what a mass shooting is. For the purpose of this article, we will use the Stanford Library’s definition of a mass shooting meaning there must be “three or more shooting victims (not necessarily fatalities), not including the shooter. The shooting must not be identifiably gang, drug, or organized crime related.” Two weeks before Northwest started classes, the country witnessed two large scale mass shootings within two days of each other in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio. These attacks have turned a time meant for new beginnings in school into a knot of fear for students and

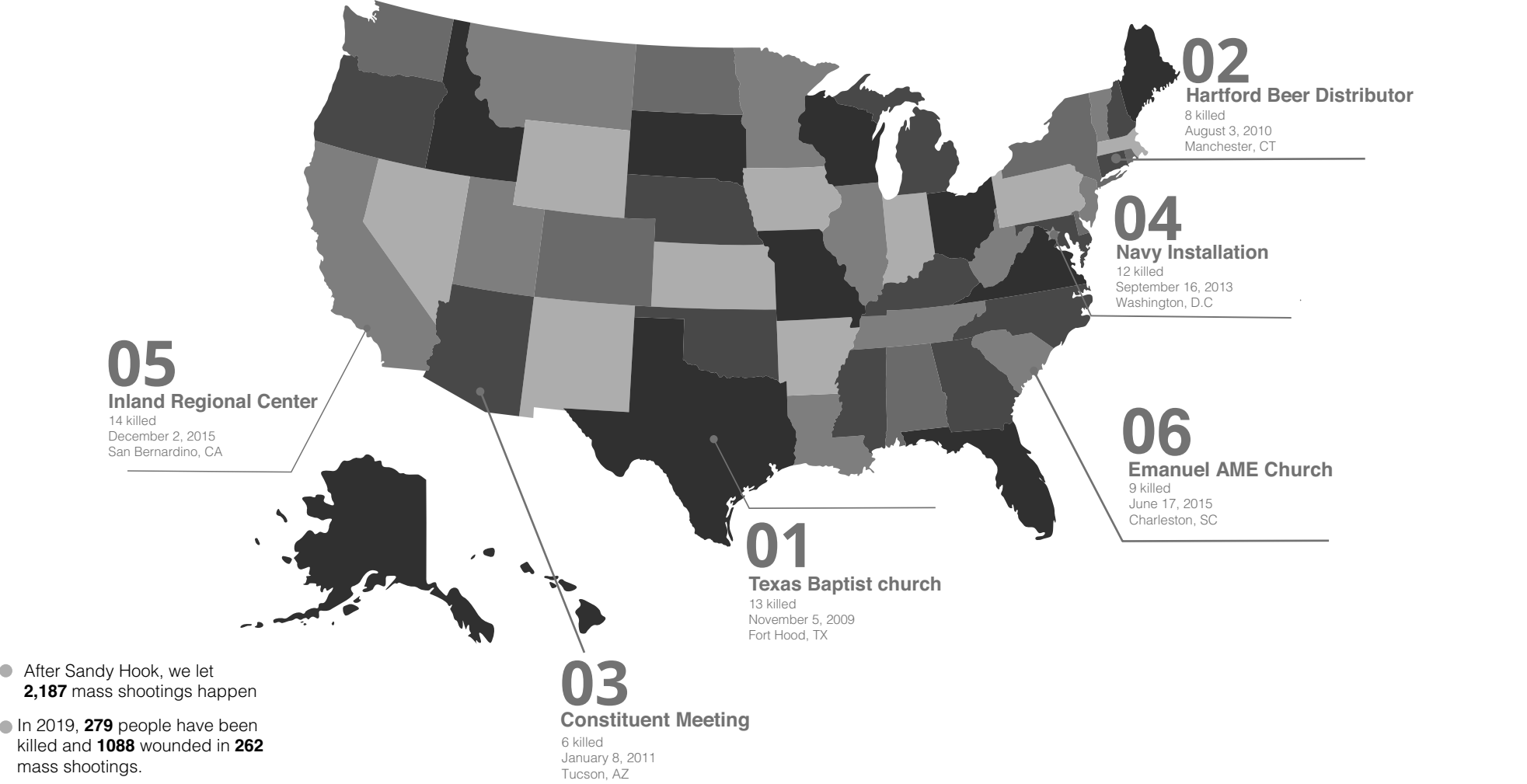
parents, wondering if their child’s fate lies in scholarly success or an early grave. While these tragedies seem to be far away from Maryville, Missouri, their impact can still be felt. The question of “what if it happens here?” is still prevalent. For father and Maryville High School Resource Officer Ian Meyers, safety for his children is paramount. “I have kids that go to school in this town,” Meyers said. “I would absolutely want them to be safe at school.” Mass acts of violence have spurred schools, such as Maryville High School, into action. These actions are both preventative measures and quality preparations in case a mass shooting occurs. While Meyers doesn’t think mass shootings are affecting how people view schools, he does think it impacts educators and staff more than others. “It definitely changes how we prepare,” Meyers said. “It changes how we talk to each other, be it a work day or before the school year starts.” Part of Meyers’ duties include training teachers for emergencies like active shooters. “It impacts how they go into the school as training goes,” Meyers said. “I just recently had the opportunity to

conduct several active shooter trainings that were building-specific.” Principal Thomas Alvarez said it requires a shift in mentality for school officials. “(Mass shootings) causes teachers and administrators to think about the topic because it’s not necessarily why anyone goes into being a teacher,” Alvarez said. “Our first goal is to keep kids safe. Our teachers are having to think about things in ways they didn’t before.” Mass shootings in schools are not a new concept. According to Vox, there have been roughly 2,181 mass shootings since Sandy Hook Elementary school. Many schools have taken stronger security measures to protect students such as security cameras, buzz-in systems and security officers. There is also a fiscal impact of mass shootings in schools. According to research from Harvard, there is more than a \$1.5 billion shift across the country as schools move more money into security projects, and parents are moving their children from public to private schools. With public education funding often being one of the first things to take a financial hit, finding ways to resource the need for security requires knowing which dotted line to sign.

“We’ve been fortunate in Maryville,” Alvarez said. “I don’t know if funds have necessarily been taken away from the kids but we have financially added things to the buildings for safety whether that be the buzz ins at the door, video cameras or allotted trainings. Schools are funded differently and those are considered capital improvements, so no money was taken away from teachers.” Meyers believes the first step to preventing a school shooting is an open dialogue with students. “We’ve talked about having assemblies and not really doing drills, but more of having an assembly to talk about what basic steps they should take in case, God forbid, they feel like their life is in danger,” Meyers said. While 2018 was the deadliest year for school shootings, according to the BBC, Maryville Public School officials want the community to know they are trying their best. “We do care,” Meyers said. “We’re trying to get ahead of this thing. It’s not to say it’s not going to happen here. Again, God forbid anything like that ever happen here, but we are making conservative efforts to keep our kiddos safe at school.” It’s important for schools to be a safe place where students can learn

without fear. Even though universities function differently than high schools, the idea is the same. The University Police Department does offer storage lockers for students to keep their firearms and provide self-defense training. UPD Officer Kristina Martinez said the procedure to have a gun stored at UPD is strict. After filling out the proper paperwork if a student wants to check their gun out of the locker they must show proper I.D., a valid reason to check it out and an estimated time they will be back. During this process officers make sure the student isn’t intoxicated, angry or present as a threat to themselves or other students. “We also keep track of which guns aren’t currently in their lockers,” Martinez said. “If an issue comes up, we can know what registered guns with their lockers are out and about. The goal is to keep everyone safe.” While it’s impossible to predict when a mass shooting occurs, schools are taking preventive measures to ensure education and safety are top priority.

Mass shooting in the U.S.



Freshmen tackle Advantage Week

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For most students on campus, Advantage Week is known as a four-day welcoming program with the purpose of helping freshmen adjust to college.

The week had both required and optional events for students to attend which included a speech from award-winning speaker Joe Martin, a session on campus safety and sexual harassment and convocation led by President John Jasinski. It was full of activity, engagement and social interaction for all involved.

Freshman Natalie Mason had mixed emotions when attending Martin’s speech.

“It’s gonna be stupid, I shouldn’t go, and I should ditch,” Mason said before attending his speech.

Mason sat wide-eyed on the edge of her folding chair, giving Martin’s motivational words her full attention. During the speech, Martin prompted the new students to yell with him, “I’m ugly.” Mason participated in this exercise along with the rest of the students.

Being a native to Maryville, Mason knew a lot of students on campus before arriving on move-in day.

“I’m really hoping to meet new people and kind of branch out from my friends that already go here,” Mason said.

While making friends and being more social is a big part of attending any university, Advantage Week specifically provides activities for students that encourages social engagement.

“Me, personally, it has helped a lot. Like I said, I’m from town,” Mason said. “I thought I knew it. But then I got here and realized I don’t know anything.”

Mason said that University seminar classes and campus safety courses with University Police Chief Clarence Green were effective in helping Mason feel comfortable on campus.

As useful as this might seem, those who have attended Advantage Week seem to have mixed feelings on how effective it truly was.

Freshman Tayton Stagner said the week wasn’t everything he hoped it would be.

“I didn’t feel like Advantage Week brought anything to the table for me,” Stagner said. “It was more of a common sense rehash in a way.”

Stagner said that Advantage Week was helpful in making new friends, but not in helping to learn the campus and



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The final Advantage week event was the March to the Bell Aug. 22 where the incoming freshmen class rang the bell of ‘48.

how it works.

“You know, like I was lost on campus all week and no one gave me a map once,” Stagner said. “It’s kind of weird how they teach you how to act at parties, but not how to get to my first class

on Wednesday.”

Stagner said he felt that the campus safety course helped him feel more comfortable on campus.

Sophomore Koley O’Neill agreed with Stagner.

“I didn’t see a use for it,” O’Neill said. “We already had S.O.A.R. and summer visits before S.O.A.R.; like, what else do we need to know about campus after that?”

While Advantage Week has been

an annual ritual for students and staff on campus, many have varying opinions and thoughts on it. Those opinions aside, another successful Advantage Week wrapped up, kicking off another school year at Northwest.

Bearcats welcome new international students to campus

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As the summer comes to an end, most students pile into their car, pack up their belongings and make the drive back to Northwest. Other students board planes across the world and fly into an unfamiliar country, to a new school, with a couple suitcases and no idea of what to expect.

As 100 international students from 25 countries arrived on campus Aug. 14, likely dazed from long travels but buzzing with excitement, members of the International Involvement Center and Residential Life were there to warmly welcome them to their new home.

For many, just moments after arriving in the country, they are immediately immersed in Bearcat country. International Involvement Center Recruitment Assistant and junior international student Sneha Ojha explained how quickly the new international students must transition from their home country to Northwest.

“They arrive directly from their home country, wherever that is; it can take a 24-hour flight for someone or a 15-hour flight for someone. They land, and the first thing they ever see of America is this place, literally,” Ojha said. “So, they have no idea what to expect.”

International Student Orientation is supposed to help the students learn what to expect and prepare them for life as a Bearcat. The students began International Student Orientation bright and early Aug. 15. For those who arrived late the night before, this was their first true look at campus.

The next six days were filled with various information sessions, meals and fun activities to acclimate the students to campus and prepare them to “succeed as Bearcats,” International Involvement Specialist Erika Lees said.

International Student Orientation is similar to S.O.A.R., but differs in that they also discuss immigration regulations, different U.S. laws and cultural differences, Lees said.

In addition to the regular S.O.A.R.-like activities and participating in some Advantage Week events, international students are assisted in creating a bank account, learning to use Safe Ride, making sure they have all necessary immunizations and may even be taken on a trip to Walmart.

“(The goal of International Student Orientation is) to help them settle down, overcome culture shock ... and make them comfortable with the idea of how things are done here, to help them adjust properly and help them feel like this is home and that you equally belong as any other student that goes here,” Ojha said.

For many, the orientation not only establishes Northwest as a home but also establishes the International Involvement Center as an important resource for the entirety of their time at Northwest.

Ojha described it as a home, and International graduate student Kaniha Rathee described the International Involvement Center as a support system that kept her going and her confidence up.

“When you don’t have any confidence because everything is new, and people here are helping you, you just don’t want to sit quiet in the corner, because they are giving you so much love and so much confidence and so much support,” Rathee said. “That’s the thing that made me go, ‘Yeah, okay, if I do fall, they are with me. They have my back.’ ... That’s just kept me going.”

After orientation, students learn their own unique ways to “keep going.”

Senior international student Taina Dias shared advice for adjusting to the new environment.

“Everything you start – It’s going to be hard. Open your mind, be open to making friends, and you’re going to make some mistakes; people might not understand you at first, but just be open,” Dias said.

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United Campus Ministries hosted an interdenominational worship service during Advantage week Aug. 18 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom to get students excited for the upcoming worship experiences offered around campus.



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Eight different campus ministries were represented at the interdenominational worship service Aug. 18 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom.

New students unite in worship

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Lively chatter, joyous singing and occasional laughter echoed across the third floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union Sunday morning. United Campus Ministries hosted its annual Interdenominational Worship Service Aug. 18 in the Union Boardroom. The event included prayer, worship, a short sermon and ministry introductions.

Christian Campus House, Disciples On Campus, The Lighthouse, Lutheran Campus Center, The Navigators, Newman Catholic Center, Campus Crusade for Christ and Wesley Student Center shared their focus-

es and announced their meeting times to show students the options available to strengthen their faith.

“This is just the starting point for you to grow and learn new skills,” UCM President and The Lighthouse Director Jason Yarnell said. “This is the time in your life when you decide where your life is going to go. ... We want you to find a place to land, to find your place, find what works for you. It’s important that you find a place where you can make some friends and get connected.”

Northwest listed the service as an Advantage event, so new students could have access to another aspect of campus life.

“With this event, the big picture

is that Northwest recognizes the importance of community,” Yarnell said. “Northwest doesn’t promote a religion, but they put it in the schedule. Northwest recognizes that spiritual life is important.”

Freshman Brittany Bridges attended the event after she saw it in her Advantage packet and another student encouraged her to go. She was excited for the music and an opportunity to meet people.

“I wanted to come because I’ve been going to church since I was little,” Bridges said. “I have a deep connection with church and I love coming. I was really excited to know there was going to be church on campus this week because then I wouldn’t have to drive.”

Junior Mikayla Olson, a student leader at the Newman Catholic Center, thinks the event helped students feel more comfortable at Northwest.

“Northwest is really big about making sure students feel like this is home,” Olson said. “Having a place of worship just makes that all the more feel like home because without your normal Saturday and Sunday routine (of going to church) I don’t think Northwest would feel like home.”

UCM is comprised of the leaders of each campus ministry with an adult staff. Student-led organizations, like Campus Crusade for Christ, aren’t officially recognized on UCM, but they can still participate in the event, Yarnell said.

UCM was already in place, regularly organizing the interdenominational service, years before Yarnell started as a minister 20 years ago.

“There’s a camaraderie and cooperation that’s been going on for several decades,” Yarnell said. “We don’t agree on everything and that’s why we’re not all the same denomination but we do support one another.”

Director of the Christian Campus House Jim Davis said all the ministries promote a familial atmosphere.

“It’s a real pleasure to serve with the others on this campus,” Davis said. “I don’t care where you go, just find a ministry.”

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat wants parking in convenient spots

We’ve all walked out of the Union, ice cream in hand, chatting it up with friends as we head to the parking lot. It’s sunny, the birds are chirping the songs of angels, and everything is as beautiful as it’s ever been.

Approaching our car in the parking lot, we notice the piece of paper stuck under our wiper blade. Yes, I know there’s an elementary school and parents want to pick up their kids, blah blah blah. You need to understand that the walk from the residence halls to the Union for most of us is a trek and a half.

So, we drive, as the rest of us would do in that situation. There never seems to be a good time to park in the Union parking lot, as tickets are given out in mass amounts anytime of the day. The neon-vest-wear-

ing students swarm the Union parking lot like bees on honey.

There’s almost a guarantee of a parking ticket in the Union lot as we, the students, can never seem to find the schedule for parking in the lot. Yeah, there’s signs posted everywhere, but who has time to read those while dodging the freshmen walking through the awkward crosswalk by South Complex?

We Union commuters want an open place to park anytime of the day. We aren’t asking for the complete takeover of the parking lot, just enough spots to save a long walk from the dorms to the Union. Is that too much to ask?

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BMB freshmen start off strong

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The sounds of drumline cadences and marching drill rehearsals resonated across the empty campus a week before classes started as Bearcat Marching Band started its camp where freshmen members were the first to arrive.

BMB has 195 members, and 81 are freshmen. It also has the biggest drumline its had since Band Director and Chair of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts Katy Strickland started in 2013.

“It’s the biggest freshman class since I’ve been here — we call them rookies, so some of them are transfer students,” Strickland said.

With a large influx of new members, upperclassmen often work harder to help them adjust to BMB’s style. Senior tuba player Hailey Rosemann was impressed with how well the freshmen were prepared.

“I think the freshmen add a lot to the band,” Rosemann said. “They’re not slackers, so they’re doing a lot of

really good work.”

The majority of band members are not music majors. Freshmen choose to continue band for a number of different reasons.

Trombone player Nick Shutts, a double major in business and studio arts with an emphasis in photography, is playing in the band to extend his experience from high school.

“I thought it’d be fun to branch out because this is a bigger version of (band in high school),” Shutts said. “I also wanted to meet people so that when I came to college I had a bunch of people that I already knew.”

Advertising major Josh Nazworthy plays in the drumline and is excited for a different environment.

“For me, drumline in high school was really competitive,” Nazworthy said. “We got good so we can win, but here ... it’s a whole different atmosphere. You’re not playing to win, you’re playing to make people happy.”

All members of the color guard and drumline arrived Aug. 13 and the rest of the freshman started Aug. 15.



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The Bearcat Marching Band performed for the March to the Tower Advantage event Aug. 20 at the Bell Tower.

They had full days of rehearsal — lasting an average of eight hours — preparing for their performance at the Freshman Convocation.

The first day for most of the freshmen lasted nearly 12 hours because

they started moving in at 8 a.m. and practice ended at 8:15 p.m.

“It’s tough,” Strickland said. “We work them hard.”

Some parts of Advantage Week-end were scheduled early for the fresh-

men in BMB so they could still get prepared for the school year while being at band camp.

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Summer movie conveys culture through family

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After planning to see a movie in the spur of the moment, my fam-

ily and I were sorely disappointed when the movie app popped up with the message, “Sold out” for the Beatles inspired film “Yesterday.”

As it would go, we were already halfway to the theaters and still craving a good movie and the taste of buttery popcorn. This began our

desperate search for a replacement and what we finally stumbled upon was one of the most heart-warming family stories 2019 had to offer, “The Farewell.”

This Chinese comedy-drama produced by the American independent entertainment company A24 was set up on the premise of what the director and writer Lulu Wang said was “an actual lie.” These simple words began the lie that brought together a family, who had moved away from home.

It was introspective on the universal themes of death and familial bonds while allowing another culture to take the spotlight. From the fried stuffed pies to the cemetery visit, there were multiple scenes and behaviors that vastly differed from the American mindset.

The problem within the story

focused on how Western culture and Eastern culture perceive death and a person’s role within their community.

In a story of this caliber, where action was few and far between, it relied on other devices to capture the audience’s attention such as well-written characters, top-notch acting and artistic insight.

On the busy streets of New York City, the audience was introduced to the young, aspiring writer Billi as she called her Nai Nai — or “paternal grandmother” in English — on her way to her family’s apartment.

These first few minutes were vital, as the audience learned about the loving dynamic between the two as well as the characters and how they interacted with their different environments.

Billi guided the audience through her own conflicting morals as she questioned whether the lie was worth keeping, reflecting the crowd’s thoughts on the subject.

From the introduction of the various cast members to the ending credits, development of the characters and their various parts within the lie drove the story.

Along with the development of the plot, the cast aided in bringing the characters to life. The most prevalent actors throughout were by far Awkwafina — who played Billi and has acted in films like “Crazy Rich Asians” and “Ocean’s 8” — and Shuzhen Zhao — who played Nai Nai.

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And the line drawn — or the issue that caused its drawing — was never really at center stage at the Kauffman Foundation Center in Kansas City, Missouri, Jul. 31 as coaches and players from every team in the conference gathered to spark interest and grab headlines ahead of the season.

It was talked about, sure, but no coach or player made the trip to media day to talk about it.

The MIAA is exploring opening the current schedule format, allowing teams to schedule non-conference opponents in the first week or two of the regular season, in hopes of displaying the conference’s top-end dominance for all to see.

The logic is relatively simple, yet broken. Four conferences make up the NCAA Division II Super Region 3, including the MIAA. Seven spots in the NCAA’s 28-team tournament hail from Super Region 3, with the winner of each conference making the postseason and three at-large bids going to the three top-ranked teams that failed to win their respective conference.

Most coaches in the MIAA tout and believe that their conference is the toughest in the region, if not the country. Some of them are tired of beating up on one another, tired of playing in a stacked league that leaves them a win short when it comes time for Selection Sunday and at home for the big dance.

If the MIAA could just play a few out of conference games, the logic goes, then it could prove its dominance over the other three conferences in Super Region 3. And maybe, just maybe, the MIAA’s dominance would be rewarded with a postseason bid for the No. 3 team in the conference.

That’d be great for Pittsburg State. It’d probably be a good thing for Central Missouri and Central Oklahoma, too. At last, these good-not-great teams can go compete in the postseason on the back of the conference’s merit, because that’s clearly the nature of what football should be.

That last line throws no disrespect toward Tim Beck or any of the other MIAA coaches supporting this change, a change tabled for discussion until the MIAA board’s next meeting. But the chief issue with the proposition, among a few, is that it, in essence, awards goodness over greatness.

Do you know who really doesn’t like the idea? Fort Hays State coach Chris Brown. You know who else wouldn’t support it? Northwest coach Rich Wright.

The reality of the proposed change is that it does a little bit to help the conference’s bottom feeders, who get paid a sizeable guarantee to go get routed by an out-of-conference opponent, or could score an easy win over an NAIA team.

The change would provide the most aid to teams like Pitt State, who could go beat a team in the GLVC, boosting the conference’s perceived toughness and their own postseason chances in the process.

But the change could really only hurt a team like Northwest or Fort Hays. Top-level teams like the Bearcats and Tigers don’t need the conference’s regional reputation to gain merit, they don’t need an increased chance at a postseason bid, and they surely don’t want the trouble of trying to find a team to play them.

“We spent over \$80,000 one year trying to get two non-conference games because when you’ve had the success that we’ve had, nobody wants to play you,” Wright said.

Beyond the inherent unfairness that could come with the change, issues remain. If the MIAA moves ahead with the proposal, league teams would start their yearly gantlet with two out-of-conference games, opening the door for more missed opportunities within conference play.

How do you crown a conference champion if two teams go undefeated? How do you decide which conference teams get left off Northwest’s schedule in a given year?

“I wouldn’t vote for it,” Brown, who coached Fort Hays to a co-MIAA title last season, said. “We’ve got an 11-game schedule right now. If it’s not broke, then why try to fix it?”

Even if the proposed change were to be implemented, Brown doesn’t think it’s likely a third team would get in. There are too many talented teams in the region to award three playoff spots to one conference.

There are too many variables and question marks, too many clear negatives, too many “what-ifs” for the MIAA to move forward with this change, though it could do so as early as 2021. The proposed change makes a lot of sense for the teams who have failed to earn a seat at the table, but it directly impedes the teams that have.

If teams like the Gorillas, Mules or Bronchos want to be in the postseason that bad, they’re going to have to play like it.



GABI BROOKS | NW MISSOURIAN
New Assistant Athletic Trainer Matt Cannella, who worked at Newberry College for two years before coming to Northwest, walks a player off the football field at practice.

Athletics brings in two new trainers

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The Northwest Athletics training staff announced the addition of two new members who will be joining them this year, Matt Cannella and Jackie Sher.

Both trainers come with prior experience in the field. Matt Cannella, originally from Staten Island, New York, made the transition to Northwest after working two years as an athletic trainer at Newberry College in Newberry, South Carolina.

He received his bachelor’s degree in athletic training from Kean University in 2013. During his time at Kean, Cannella worked with the New York Giants in 2012.

“When you work at the professional level and then go back to a col-

lege-level, you realize how similar the training is between each level,” Cannella said.

After his time at Kean and his experience with the Giants, Cannella completed his master’s degree in athletic training from the University of West Virginia University in 2015.

“Everyone I have met so far has been really welcoming, and they have made my wife and I feel at home. ... It has really made for a smooth transition to Missouri,” Cannella said.

He said Maryville has a very similar feel to Newberry because of the size of the town and the “open arms feeling.”

Cannella will work with the Bearcat football and baseball teams this year. In addition, he is also instructing a Care and Prevention of

Athletic Injuries course on campus.

Jackie Sher is originally from La Grange, Illinois. She received her undergraduate degree in athletic training from the University of Missouri in 2017 and she followed it up with her master’s degree in human physiology from Oregon in 2019.

When Sher attended the University of Oregon, she worked with the club sports team. Her first two years as a graduate student, she worked with the Oregon Ducks football team and the track and field team for some time. Coming to Northwest, she will be working with the track and field team.

Sher is most excited about being able to work with the same track and field athletes in order to build better relationships each year.

“I want to get to the continuity

of care for the same athletes year after year. ... As a young professional, I haven’t been able to experience that yet, so I would say that’s what I am most excited about,” Sher said.

Much like Cannella, Sher felt very welcomed to Northwest Missouri State and enjoyed working with Quinlin when she arrived on campus.

“It’s fun to watch Kelly in her fast-paced environment and inspire to be like that,” Sher said.

Sher said she he looks forward to working alongside Quinlin and learning the way things are done at Northwest.

Both Cannella and Sher have been on campus with the athletes throughout the summer and have had a smooth transition coming from two very different parts of the nation.

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One of the seven returning from the offense is senior captain Marqus Andrews. The 6-foot-3 tight end was an Honorable Mention to the All-MIAA team last season with 222 receiving yards and four touchdowns in 12 games.

“I’m pretty confident (about the offense) this year,” Andrews said. “I’m excited to get into fall camp and in the weight room. We’ve been working out all summer: practicing, watching film, seven-on-seven, working that cohesion as a unit. We’re returning a lot of guys and obviously need to fill some voids, but I have no doubt that the guys coming in to fill those voids will be able to do it, if not do it better.”

Now in his third year at the helm, Rich Wright has something this year he’s never had before: a returning quarterback.

The Bearcats return MIAA Freshman Player of the Year Braden Wright. In his first year of collegiate football, the Elkhorn, Nebraska, native racked up 3,110 total yards with 35 touchdowns. Braden Wright was second in the MIAA for passing yards and touchdown passes.

“Braden’s development is profound,” Rich Wright said. “Just to go through the season, everyone in this room knows how tough the MIAA is, to gain some playoff experience, to develop some cohesion with his teammates. You can just see how he’s carrying himself in the complex, he’s just a different kid.”

The way Braden Wright has improved is a shared sentiment between players and coaches. Andrews has also noticed a spike in Braden Wright’s growth.

“He’s become a better player and a better leader especially,” Andrews said. “He’s kind of taken the reins a little more. Last year, he was a freshman so we kind of had to help him along, and this year, I feel like he can be a lot better player.”

During the summer workouts, Andrews saw first hand the extra work that Braden Wright has taken part in.

“He’s taking guys out and running routes all the time, putting in that extra work that we have to put in,” Andrews said. “He’s always in the film room with me and a couple of the older receivers. He’s figuring out what the defense is trying to do whenever we are running our plays during those player-led seven-on-sevens.”

“I’m expecting some big things out of him this year.”

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It wasn’t until one week after being released from Kansas City that Caldwell ended up in Chicago, getting another opportunity as he signed a contract with the Bears Aug. 19.

Caldwell will make his Bears debut when Chicago takes on the Indi-

anapolis Colts Aug. 24.

“(My mom’s) biggest thing has been to always follow my dreams,” Caldwell said. “If you have a goal, work hard to reach it. ... Right now, I love playing football, so that’s the goal I’m pursuing.”

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Ryan Milke, hired this summer to be the assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions for Northwest Athletics, served in a similar role at Lehigh University last year after graduating from Northern Iowa.

Iowa native finds home in athletics

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Maybe it was growing up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a fairly large city in a state deprived of a Big Four professional sports franchise, that primarily drew Ryan Milke to the world of collegiate athletics. Or maybe it was the engagement that comes with working alongside several different sports at once, cycling through seasons that bring unique challenges and projects. More likely, though, it was a combination of both, one that brought Milke to Northwest Athletics this summer, where he serves as assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions, a job title that is as wide-ranging as it sounds.

A pair of posters on his somewhat-barren Lamkin Activity Center office wall, one commemorating Northwest basketball's 2017 national title and the other showcasing the team's perfect 38-0 2019 campaign, both reference accomplished seasons that pre-date his arrival. But he seems at home wearing Bearcat green.

Milke joins Northwest Athletics following a one-year stint at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, and six years of undergrad and graduate work at the University of Northern Iowa. As

a sports fan who has always been interested in marketing, sports marketing just made sense for Milke.

"I learned that you can market sports and that's a pretty sweet gig to have," Milke said. "It's all about trying to figure out ways to convince people to come to a game — I think that's the biggest thing that drew me. You know, what motivates you to go to a soccer game on a Thursday afternoon or go to a football game Saturday or a basketball game when it's snowing out?"

The answer, Milke has found, is always changing. He prefers it that way. Milke explored the world of professional sports marketing, but said he suspects he would get tired of working with the same sport year-round. That's partly what drove him into the field of collegiate sports marketing. Another factor, of course, was Iowa.

Milke doesn't recall a singular defining moment that led him to his career path — he said he doesn't think there was one. Growing up less than 30 miles north of the Hawkeye's Kinnick Stadium, where Milke and his family "had season tickets and everything" offered a childhood full of experiences in collegiate sports, immersing Milke in a culture that would later become his career.

"I was like 15 minutes from Iowa City, so we went to a lot of Hawkeye games," Milke said. "... I think it was more experiencing game day and seeing what draws people to come to a game, like what gets 70,000 people to go to an Iowa football game on a Saturday (drew me to collegiate sports marketing)."

Milke's tenure as a student intern and graduate marketing assistant at Northern Iowa were beneficial in ways he couldn't have foreseen then.

Working for the Panthers' athletics department for parts of six years, Milke developed a close relationship with Colin McDonough, who served as the assistant athletic director for athletic communications at Northern Iowa for eight years. McDonough began serving in a similar position at Northwest — where he graduated from in 1998 — before the fall of 2018.

A year after McDonough's return to Northwest, an opening became available in a marketing role for athletics. McDonough immediately thought of Milke, who was serving in his first year at Lehigh. Milke, McDonough said, always stood out to him, though not necessarily for conventional reasons.

Milke was always a superior em-

ployee, but it was his relationship with McDonough's two children, Dalton and Graham, that stuck with McDonough.

Often hanging around Northern Iowa's athletics office, Dalton and Graham McDonough took to Milke in a way they didn't usually take to strangers. After leaving Northern Iowa, McDonough said he knew a chance to reconnect with Milke down the road "would be a good fit."

"(Dalton and Graham) just gravitated to him," McDonough said. "They don't always do that."

Fans, for the most part, likely don't give much thought to the work Milke does in preparation for sporting events and seasons, but most have experienced it. His job, in essence, is to convince fans to become spectators on any given day or night, filling the seats of venues like Bearcat Arena. What the job looks like varies day-to-day, Milke said, and what makes a successful promotion is constantly changing.

When Milke began pursuing his bachelor of arts at Northern Iowa in the fall of 2012, the iPhone 5 had yet to be released and the realm of constant social media-usage was still in its relative infancy. Now, Milke said, in this digital age, Wi-Fi connection and

incentivized smartphone usage is one of the most important marketing tools.

Some sports pose different challenges than others, of course. At Northwest, the realities of Milke's role vary by sport. Northwest football, for instance, averaged 7,727 fans per home game a season ago. Meanwhile, Northwest women's soccer averaged 152 spectators per home match. Milke embraces the challenge that lesser-attended sports offer to a person in his position.

"It's definitely a different challenge (to market less popular sports)," Milke said. "But it gives you more opportunity to be more creative. For those kinds of sports, you can kind of experiment with some crazier promotions."

Milke is no stranger to out-there marketing plans. Serving as marketing manager at Lehigh last year, Milke devised a "Tinder Night" promotion for a women's basketball game to be played the evening before Valentine's Day, hoping to set couples up via the popular dating app while filling seats at Stabler Athletic & Convocation Center.

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Deputy athletic director brings varied experience

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Troy Katzen was named deputy athletic director of external operations at Northwest June 3, 2019 and has made his intentions for the future of Northwest athletics very clear. The Fairfield, Nebraska, native's presence at Northwest comes backed with years of experience from a variety of other establishments and organizations.

Katen graduated with a business degree and lettered in three sports while at Kansas Wesleyan University, the school where he got his coach-

ing start. A masters degree in teaching came later on in 2004 from Hastings College.

Katen's long resume includes coaching positions across a number of schools and sports along with different administrative positions. Northwest's new athletic director has had experience from being a head basketball coach at colleges like Wentworth Military Academy and Peru State College to having his hand in other sports like women's golf and baseball.

"Along the way, I've had teams play against Northwest in exhibition games in basketball for many years,

and I've even lost recruits to Northwest," Katen said. "But I've always watched them and kept in contact with them, so when the position came open I was encouraged by a bunch of my buddies to take a look at this."

As the Nebraska native grew out of the realm of coaching and into an administrative and promotion-based field, he slowly started to see his passion for business and management come into play and be utilized to improve many universities and their associated athletic programs.

"Along the way, coaches got to fundraise a lot," Katen said. "It just kind of evolved into some administrative roles the last 10 years or so and that's kind of where the push to maybe look into administration more came into place."

While Katen was often seen as strictly a coach at many of the schools he worked at, he also had involvement with various fundraising and marketing positions. Coordinator of the Spire Golf Classic, athletic marketing director, NAIA region golf rater, head athletic event manager and the University of St. Mary champions of character liaison of the NAIA are a few titles the accomplished athletic director has held in the past.

"The first step for me was going back because of my passion for basketball," Katen said. "I loved it and I still do. I have that passion for it, but I think it's changed over the years with my background in fundraising with being a people person and recruiting: it all comes from coaching."

Being a basketball fan himself,

Katen said that coming to Northwest, a school known for its great athletics, was an easy and smooth transition.

"Success breeds success all across an athletic department, no matter what level you are playing at," Katen said. "With my position, it makes it a lot easier if you have a winning product. Not just (football and basketball), but we have other successful programs between track and field, tennis and baseball, who won a conference title a year ago. It's great to step into a winning situation like that."

Providing a comfortable environment for everyone from athletes and students to the fans and community is a main priority for Katen. Only a month after being hired, Katen already wants to make an impact, not only on the school but on the Maryville community as a whole.

Katen hopes part of his impact will be updating certain facilities like the baseball and softball fields, along with the soccer pitch.

"We've moved seven or eight times and I've told everyone that this, so far, has been the best community that we've been a part of," Katen said. "Here, the community, the institution and the public school all get along and understand that for us to thrive and for us to survive we all have to work together."

While addressing the students and student-athletes, Katen said that there are a lot of good things coming in the future with promotions, the booster club and the University's new app to help grow the support of Northwest and Bearcat Nation.

"For the athletic faculty to be successful, it's not only the job of the student-athletes, but also the job of our environment and the community to bring that energy and enthusiasm to make this town a one-of-a-kind place," Katen said.

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Northwest football players senior Jerrell Green (7), junior Will Obert (45) and freshman Loren Wiota (73) train for the upcoming 2019 season which kicks off Sept. 5 versus Missouri Western.

Summer training lays foundation for Bearcats

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Every season is a new chance for aspiring teams around the nation to establish themselves as legitimate contenders. Northwest football prides itself on being legitimate contenders year in and year out, but it starts with the summer training program for the Bearcats.

The team began training for the season two weeks out of the 2019 spring semester, starting May 16 this offseason.

The summer schedule consisted of weekly practices and a daily lifting routine. Player-led practices

began two weeks after classes were out; these practices included all of the returning players from the previous season.

Sophomore defensive tackle Zach Howard said he and his teammates all pride themselves on holding each other accountable to showing up to these player-led practices and lifting.

Practices, which are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, are accompanied by daily workouts with strength and conditioning coach Joe Quinlin. Howard said his favorite part of the training is the pace everyone goes at and the intensity of the workout. Howard gave “Joe Q” a lot of credit on how much he makes the

team work over the summer.

“Every time us guys get into the weightroom, or out on the field, we know it’s time to lock in and go 100%,” Howard said.

As the offseason goes on the players have training camp later on in the summer, where most of their days are occupied with football throughout the day. They started training camp Aug. 9, which lasts for roughly three weeks.

To begin their day, the players check in to the training facility at 7 a.m., they are then fed breakfast and have 30 minutes to digest the food to get ready for the day. The players start the day with position meetings and workouts. The offense and de-

fense are then split up into separate groups, with one side of the ball going to meetings and the other side beginning workouts, which is just around an hour for each respective session.

They end the meetings and workouts in the weightroom around 11 a.m. and have a two hour break to rehabilitate.

After the break, more meetings take place around 2 p.m., these meetings are geared towards special teams, such as: field goal, punt block, punt and kickoff teams. Each of those meetings are 10 minutes, together lasting about an hour total.

After those meetings are done, the players have roughly 15 minutes

until practice starts. This time is taken up with another position meeting, up until the time practice starts.

“Training camp has been a grind,” freshman tight end Jacob Harmdierks said. “... It was definitely overwhelming at first, but I’ve learned a lot in the short time of being here, and we’ve all been getting better each and everyday.”

Before practice can officially start, the players must all report to the field at 3:30 p.m.

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Former Northwest and Missouri Western running back Josh Caldwell made his NFL preseason debut Aug. 10 for the Kansas City Chiefs. Caldwell has since been released and signed by the Chicago Bears. JUSTIN QUICK | NW MISSOURIAN

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Former Bearcat gets NFL opportunity

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It’s nearly every athlete’s dream to make it to the professional ranks by the end of their career.

For most, that isn’t possible. For former Bearcat running back Josh Caldwell, the dream became a reality after a long journey through the northwest corner of Missouri.

The beginning of Caldwell’s professional career started Aug. 10, donning a Kansas City Chiefs uniform, against the Cincinnati Bengals. His first carry, good for a gain of 8 yards, was the beginning of a long-awaited debut.

Caldwell would eventually lead the Chief’s rushing attack for the evening with four carries for 59 yards and a touchdown. In this process, Caldwell had fulfilled the first step of his dream, playing in the NFL.

“There’s nothing like running out at Arrowhead Stadium ... There’s no other feeling like it,” Caldwell told reporters after the game. “I didn’t get to go to many Chiefs’ games growing up. I think the last time I was here was the playoff game against the Tennessee Titans. I said, ‘Man, that’d be cool to play down there,’ and here I



am now.”

Caldwell’s football journey started when he was in fourth grade, in his hometown of Lee’s Summit, Missouri. Though he started at such a young age, he found that it wasn’t until his freshman year of high school that he fell in love with the game of football and wanted to devote himself to making it a career.

Unexpected by Caldwell, the Broncos of Lee’s Summit North High School were never able to reach anything further than the first round of the playoffs, which is guaranteed in Missouri high school football. By the time Caldwell walked across the stage in 2014, he had a compiled record of 11-31 as a Bronco.

Despite breaking school records, being named to all-conference and all-district teams and scoring 20 touchdowns across three seasons for the Broncos, it wasn’t enough to subdue the fact that recruiters shied away from recruiting at a mildly-successful high school football program.

Caldwell found a place he felt was a fit: Missouri Western State University. In Caldwell’s three years as a Griffon, he accounted for over 3,000 all-purpose yards, accompanying this

was 25 touchdowns.

In a full – yet diverse – running back room, Caldwell made himself stand out to become the eventual starter for Missouri Western as a red-shirt freshman.

Once again, after piling up personal accolades, there was a lack of team success seeming to follow

“If you have a goal, work hard to reach it.”
- JOSH CALDWELL

Caldwell wherever he went.

This, alongside other things, led to his dismissal of the Griffon football program in the spring of 2018.

In the search for a new campus to call home, Caldwell realized a 45-minute drive up the road was where he wanted to finish his college football career. He made the choice to transfer to Northwest Missouri State.

For Caldwell to be eligible to transfer, he had to complete the steps necessary to become a graduate-transfer for the Bearcats. This included completing 37 credit hours of course throughout the span of a summer semester, which is traditionally unheard of.

“He’s always been a hard-worker in the classroom,” Kendall Short, a former teammate of Caldwell’s at Missouri Western, said. “I mean this is a guy that got his degree early so that he could transfer to Northwest and play football, so he’s obviously doing something right in the classroom.”

Joining the Bearcats in the fall of 2018, Caldwell had two goals in mind. One of them was to be a part of a successful program for once, the other was to put himself in the best place to prepare for the next level.

Caldwell led a running-back-by-committee backfield in his lone season as a Bearcat, racking up 830 rushing yards on 139 carries and 11 touchdowns.

For the first time since fourth grade, Caldwell’s individual part was a part of a successful team. He had

the chance to hoist an MIAA championship trophy, as well as get a play-off win under his belt before the season ended and he prepared to train for the next level.

The former Bronco, Griffon and Bearcat, found himself a Kansas City Chief when he signed his contract June 13. In a social media post announcing his signing, Caldwell instructed people to not give up on their dreams, preaching what he’s practiced since fourth grade.

Despite getting an opportunity at his dream, Caldwell found himself teamless after the preseason game against the Bengals. Although teamless, the Chiefs’ running back coach Deland McCollough had faith that Caldwell would find his way onto another roster in the NFL.

“When Josh Caldwell came here, he came to our local day, I really liked him,” McCollough told reporters. “I said, ‘This guy can play,’ so when he got released from our rookie minicamp, I emailed all of the running back coaches in the NFL and said, ‘I don’t know what you guys are doing with minicamp but this is a guy that y’all should take a look at.’ We’ll see what happens with him but I’ve always been a fan of Josh Caldwell.”

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Expectations high for Wright’s third season

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — After following up its 2017 9-3 campaign with a 10-2 record, an MIAA co-championship and some postseason exposure last season, Northwest football is hoping to build.

The Bearcats were picked first in the MIAA preseason media poll for the seventh straight year and eighth time overall since the poll’s inception in 2011 but were slotted second in the coaches poll.

This marks the second time since 2011 Northwest has not been ranked first in the coaches poll. The lowest the ‘Cats have ever been ranked in either poll is second.

Northwest’s final game of last season was a comeback that fell short against Ferris State, who went on to play in the national championship game, in the second round of the playoffs.

From that squad, the Bearcats returned 13 starters – seven offensive, six defensive – with postseason exposure.



“Throughout the summer, we’ve been hosting practice with basically the whole team,” senior captain linebacker Andy Hessler said. “We’ve been watching film as a group. Obviously, coach Wright is going to demand excellence from us and we carry our young guys with us upperclassmen to teach them the way.”

Hessler added to the No. 14 ranked total defense in the country last year with 16 tackles and seven tackles for loss in two games last season. The Hartland, Wisconsin, native’s season was cut short due to injury last year.

“Andy is a phenomenal leader and a great kid,” Wright said. “He’s done a tremendous job for us. I’m looking forward to seeing what he can do when he gets back out there, and he’s like having another coach, really. His knowledge of the game and his understanding of what we do systematically (is good) ... he’s been in our program for five years, so he understands the ins and the outs.”

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Head coach Rich Wright is coming into his third season at the helm of the Bearcats. GABI BROOKS | NW MISSOURIAN

Proposed changes may stunt growth

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — There was a clear gap, at the end of the 2019 MIAA Football Media Day, between the teams in the league just hoping to be in the running for the conference title and the teams aching to win a national championship.

The gap’s presence, between the good and the great, the average and the excellent, had nothing to do with the MIAA media or coaches polls. It didn’t have anything to do with which teams are returning seasoned coaches or star players and which teams aren’t, either.

No official polls, statistics, playbooks or rosters allow much insight into the line drawn in the sand, the one that separates contenders and pretenders.

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